(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Transfer of properties in South Delhi

1656. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases for transfer of properties in the South Delhi, particularly in the Vasant Vihar, are pending with DDA for the last six months;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to expedite the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) 39 cases of transfer of properties in South Delhi including 14 pertaining to Vasant Vihar are pending with the DDA for the last 6 months.

(b) In many cases documents from the lessees/sub-lessee/transferees or heirs of the deceased lessee|sub-lessee like certified copies of regd. sale deed, gift deed, affidavit declaring that the transferee does not own any other residential properties in Delhi/New Delhi/Delhi Cantt., Indemnity Bond etc., have not been received. In some cases the sub-lessees have not paid 50 per cent of Lessor's share in the unearned increase in the value of the land as required under the terms of lease.

(c) The lessee/sub-lessees who have either not sent the requisite documents or not paid the unearned increase, are being required to do so expeditiously.

Oilseed prices

1657. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sustained fall in prices of edible oils during the last one year causig concern to the oilseed growers;

(b) whether the prices of rapeseed/mustard seed have crashed even below the support level of Rs. 385|- per quintal fixed by Government forcing the farmers particularly to resort to distress sale at price as low as Rs. 325|- to Rs. 335|- per quintal;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to establish the edible oil prices nad implement the price support policy effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) During the current marketing year the prices of edible oils have recorded decline from hight levels reached during 1983-84.

(b) and (c) Prices of rapeseed/raustard seed declined below the support level of Rs. 385/- per quintal in recent months mainly due to record production of rapeseed/mustard seed during 1984-85.

(d) To stabilise the price of edible oils, Government have taken the following steps:—

(i) Reduction in the quantity of imports of edible oils.

(ii) Reduction in the allocation of imported edible oil to vanaspati industry to 60 per cent of their requirement during the past few months (for June it had been reduced to 50 per cent) while in the corresponding months last year supply to vanaspati industry stood at 75 per cent of the requirement.

(iii) From June 1, 1985 the vanaspati industry has been permitted to use solvent extracted mustard/ rapeseed oil to the extent of 10 per cent of their requirements.

(iv) The stock limits for dealers in respect of edible oilseeds and edible oils have been doubled with effect from 14th June, 1985.

As soon as the prices of rapeseed/ mustard seed started falling in some markets NAFED was instructed to undertake support operations in order to stabilise the prices of rapeseed and mustard. The market intervention operations were carried out in the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh and a total quantity of 76,120 metric tonnes had been purchased at the declared support price of Rs. 385 per quintal till 1st August, 1985. This has helped in the improvement of market prices.

Daily wage earners

1658. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state what steps Government have taken to protect the interests of daily wage earners in Government Departments consequent to the introduction of five-day week in Central Government offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): It has been decided to revise the daily wage rate of casual unskilled labourers working in the Central Government Offices in Delhi/New Delhi, where five-day week has been introduced from Rs. 13.60 to Rs. 15.70.

Quality of imported sugar

1659. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quality of the imported sugar is according to the sample approved by Government;

(b) what is the price at which sugar was purchased by Government and its F.O.R. cost in India;

(c) whether it is a fact that the imported sugar is inferior to indigenous sugar according to the ISI specifications; and

(d) whether the quality of the imported sugar has been analysed by the National Sugar Institute, Kanpur?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In respect of the imports already contracted for by the State Trading Corporation during 1985, the approximate average C. & F. price of imported sugar works out to about Rs. 2,000 per tonne.

(c) The polarisation/sucross content level of imported sugar is higher than the polarisation of 99.5 per cent (minimum) prescribed under Indian Sugar Standards.

(d) At the ports of discharge, like in other items of import meant for direct human consumption, the samples of imported sugar are drawn by the Public Health Officer of the Directorate Generate of Health Services, who analyses the samples as per the laid-down procedure. It is only after the consignment of imported sugar has been approved by him that the sugar is released for consumption.

Allotment of plots in Rohini Scheme

1660. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH. Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no allotment of plots in the Rohini sche-